

St. Peter's Academy – Newsletter

Beech Class.

Staff:

Mrs Gilbey – Beech Class Teacher
Additional support – Mrs Smith.

Date: Friday 21st March 2025



General news:

Thank you for all your kind comments and positive feedback at the parents' meetings this week. It is reassuring to know that your children are enjoying their time in Year 5, and I am sure you will agree, their books reflect their hard work so far this year.

We have completed a range of assessments this week and this will continue into next week also. The children have not complained and have simply got on with what I have asked them to do – not the most exciting week but it has to be done. They will be rewarded with some creative activities in the final week of this term.

This week's other learning:

- Maths – as well as keeping times tables ticking along, we have now completed our unit of work on perimeter and area. The children have completed a short assessment to check understanding.
- English – The children have spent the week finalising their suspense story hot writes and have spent time editing to make further improvements before copying up as a final edition!
- IT – the children are continuing to explore the opportunity to design and play their own 3D games and have developed this further this week as well as enjoying some free choice.
- Science – We have compared both male and female growth charts from birth to adolescence.
- Geography – The children have been learning all about the history of the Jersey potato and the conditions required for it to grow to perfection!
- P.E. – fitness and multi-sport skills.

Beech Class homework:

- Reading – children should aim to read at least 3 times a week and this can be recorded in the reading section of the school diary. For children to gain 'points' towards their bronze, silver, gold and platinum bookmarks, all reading must be signed by an adult by the Friday of each week.
- Spellings – Your child will have a list of spellings in their diary to learn ready for either a test or dictation sentences next Friday. As an extension, encourage your child to write their own definition for each word and/or write sentences to include each word.
- Maths – Please revise all times tables thoroughly for a quick-fire speed test next Friday. This will now be a weekly requirement as part of homework to increase speed of recall.
- Please complete and return the activities based around current learning for both Maths and English. The **maths** activity this week is to complete the times table challenge against a timer. Please record the time taken to finish it. For **English**, please complete the questions from a short reading text about how the dragon got his nickname.
- Capital cities to learn for next Friday: Venezuela, Slovenia, India.

Mrs Gilbey's retrieval questions: – tell someone in your family!

- Can you remember what a compound shape is?
- What do you know about the 'Jersey' potato?

Key dates coming up:

Please refer to the weekly at a glance and headteacher newsletters for these, as linked below.

[Headteacher Newsletter](#)

[Weekly at a glance](#)

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Gilbey ☺